

REMARKS

Applicants have amended Figures 1 and 3 solely to comply with the margin requirements set forth in the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional). Applicants believe all remaining figures are in compliance with the drawing requirements. No new matter has been added.

In further response to Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), Applicants submit concurrently herewith to Box Sequence Listing a substitute diskette containing a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing filed March 27, 2001 for the above-referenced patent application, and a separate transmittal letter for the substitute diskette, containing the required verification statement. Applicants note that the Sequence Listing as filed on March 27, 2001 complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821. However, the diskette as originally filed produced misaligned numbering not present in the originally filed paper copy. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional).

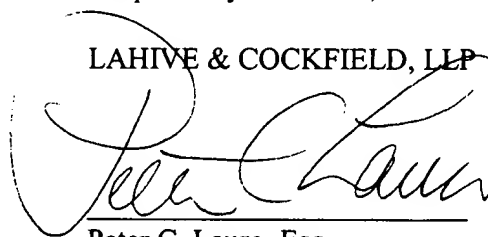
Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. *A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.*

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

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